Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Northeast QA Boulevard is Next Walking Tour, Apr. 21

Walking Tour coordinator Kim Turner is planning this year's walking tours for April, June and October.

On **Saturday, April 21**, at 10:00 am the Society will conduct one of our popular walking tours in the area of the northeast Queen Anne Boulevard. Roughly the Boston, McGraw, Bigelow, Nob Hill area. It will include old John Hay, the McGraw St bridge and homes in the neighborhood. The research is underway, mark your calendars. Details will be in the March Cobblestone newsletter.

Other planned walking tours are: June 16, our annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, including new sites; and October 13, an Uptown

West Queen Anne slide conditions have been part of our history since the beginning. This block lies above the massive Garfield St. stabilization project.

Seattle's Mercer Girls: The Queen Anne Connection

From 1908 to 1926 a woman with an interesting past lived on Queen Anne hill at 100 Highland Drive. Her name was Elizabeth (Peebles) Macintosh. Why was she special? Elizabeth, you see, came to Seattle in 1866 with a group of young ladies known as the "Mercer Girls".

These were not Hollywood actresses in "Here Come the Brides", these were real people. Since 1993, Society member Peri Muhich has been getting to know the Mercer Girls through their individual stories.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001, Peri will give us a glimpse into the life of Mrs. MacKintosh, one of Seattle's pioneer women, and a Mercer Girl.

Join your friends and neighbors at our next public meeting
Wed., Jan. 17th, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First West and West Crockett

Peri Muhich moved to the Seattle area in 1987 from Alaska. Already a family genealogist and history buff, she immediately became interested in Seattle's fascinating past. She first learned of the Mercer Girls while attending a class at the University of Washington. Wanting to know more about this group of women she combed the libraries of the area, only to be disappointed with her findings. In 1993 she began her quest to document the personal histories of these pioneer women.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School Library at 1915 1st Ave. W. on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.

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This mailing is going only to those who have renewed their dues for the 2000-2001 membership year. We thank our members for their vital support. If you would like to become a member or to renew an expired membership, you can use the coupon on p. 3.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine

Calendar of

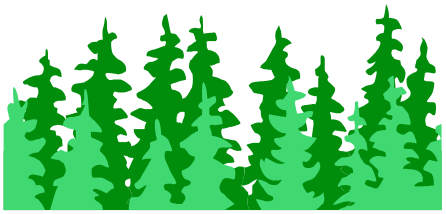
Wed. Jan. 17th, 2001
Program: Peri Muhich describes the life of one of the Mercer Girls. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.
(See story, page 1.)

Wed. Mar. 21, 2001.
Program: Charles Payton on the role of local groups like the QAHS in the Seattle Sesquicentennial in 2001. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sat. April 21, 2001.
Walking Tour: Northeast QA Boulevard. Time 10:00 am.
(See story, page 1)

Wed. May 16, 2001.
Program: Paul Dorpat will give one of his popular talks on photos of local scenes he has unearthed. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sat. June 16, 2001.
Walking Tour: Our annual tour of historic Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Time 10:00 am.



It Happened ...in January

1/23/1853 —David Denny marries Louisa Boren.

1/26/1856 —Indians attack—Ross mill burned. Known as the "Battle of Seattle".

1/20/1890 —First class at the new Queen Anne School (now West Queen Anne).

1/22/1906 —Passenger ship S.S. Valencia runs aground off Vancouver Island. The 117 dead are memorialized at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

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New High School for Queen Anne

After 20 years, a new high school will once again serve the Queen Anne and Magnolia communities. Named "The Center School", the new, small Seattle public high school will be located in the Center House (old armory) at Seattle Center. It opens fall of 2001 with a beginning enrollment of 150 students in the 9th and 10th grades and will have an emphasis on the arts.

Queen Anne High School closed in 1981. Grizzly grads should note, this is not a new Queen Anne High School. It is a small, arts-focused school available to students from Queen Anne and Magnolia, but open citywide.

The school began with massive discontent from local parents whose children could not get in any of their first three choices for high school, partly due to the fact that there is no school within the required distance from local homes. School assignment in Seattle is very complicated, but proximity is one of the criteria.

The Magnolia Queen Anne Public High School Task Force (MQAPHS) began pushing last year for a local school. The MQAPHS can be reached at www.orgsites.com/wa/mqaphs.

The School District finally responded with the new school, strongly advocated by the Seattle Center management because of its natural tie-in with the arts organizations there. A new principal, Judy Peterson, has been chosen, with excellent credentials in both arts and schools. The school will grow to a four-year school with 300-500 students.

Meanwhile assignment policy is still an issue. Much of Magnolia will still be outside the proximity radius for The Center School. A local group, Parents Involved In Community Schools (PIICS), has a lawsuit against the district challenging their assignment process. They can be reached at www.piics.org.

Notes from The Archives

The Archive has recently received the following books and materials by gift or purchase:

Early Seattle Profiles, by "HB" (Henry Broderick), 1959.

The Argus Annual, Collector's Edition, 1960.

Only The Drums Remembered, by Ralph Chapin, 1960.

Chief Seattle's Unanswered Challenge, by John M. Rich, 1932.

Magnolia-Memories & Milestones, by The Magnolia Community Club, 2000.

Made to Last, by Lawrence Kreisman, 1999.

[*Note: These and other books in our collection are available to our members for their research*.]

File on the Wayside Mission Hospital, 2nd Ave N. & Republican.

Map of OLD SEATTLE, drawn by Neil M. Fredericksen, 1971.

For these and other donations we thank Marina King, Bayview Manor Library, Harry & June Delaloye, Del Loder and Bob Frazier.

HELP WANTED: Would you like to contribute to our community's heritage preservation, and meet some nice people while you do it. Volunteer some of your spare time to the Historical Society. Search for certain historical records about Queen Anne; listen to and catalog some oral history tapes; help our archivist learn how to use the Mac computer; become one of our tour guide team; write stories for the Cobblestone or the QA News.

To volunteer, contact one of the officers on page 2, or give me a call at 285-0958.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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The Jan. 17th Program Looks at Mercer Girls on Queen Anne

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Another local landmark bites the dust...literally. The March 26, 2000 implosion of the Kingdome made room for the new football stadium rapidly growing on the Seattle skyline. It also changed, again, the Seattle scene viewed from Queen Anne's south slope. The view of downtown is ever changing.

The President's Corner
by Kim Turner

See the article on p.3 about the new high school to open at the Seattle Center next fall. This is the first major activity to reinstate a high school in the Queen Anne area. Your President, as a graduate of Queen Anne High School, thinks this is a positive step to rebuild that part of the community which has suffered greatly as a result of the closure of its high school in 1981. We will keep watching developments and hope for a positive result.

And a Happy New Millennium to all of you. We have great plans for 2001— walking tours, public meetings, and will try to keep you informed on what is next. See you at the Jan. 17th meeting at McClure.

Kim R. Turner, President, 2000-2001

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